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New U.S. Patent Application
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR EMBEDDING ENCRYPTED
IMAGES OF SIGNATURES AND OTHER DATA ON CHECKS
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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application- 28 pages, including 8 independent claims and 21 claims total.
2. Drawings- 11 sheets of drawings (Figures 1-13).
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